



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 5, 2015
Schedule 17**

PLEASE NOTE: February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2015

SB 280 **Senator Middleton**

**INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION
PILOT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2015 through 2017, of up to \$5,000 against the State income tax; providing that the credit is equal to 50% of the value of an eligible food donation or 75% of the value of donated certified organic produce; providing that, for a fiscal year, the total amount of tax credit certificates issued may not exceed \$250,000; reestablishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 281 Senator Middleton, et al**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY MARYLAND'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health System; providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and duties of the Commission; requiring, to the extent practicable, that the membership of the Commission reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 282 Senator Bates, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES**

Allowing an individual a credit against the State income tax equal to the amount by which the tax, when applying a specified effective tax rate, on the individual's distributive share of pass-through entity income exceeds the tax on the individual's distributive share of pass-through entity income when applying a tax rate of 2.875%; providing that an individual may not claim the credit if the individual's effective tax rate is less than 2.875%; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 283 Senator Raskin, et al**ETHICS LAW – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Altering specified financial disclosure provisions governing an elected local official of a municipal corporation; prohibiting the disclosure of specified information concerning specified relatives, interests in specified real property or business entities, or information concerning specified employment or indebtedness that is included in the financial disclosure statement filed by an elected local official of a municipal corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5-809 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 284 **Senator Raskin, et al****JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM – MARYLAND
HOMEGROWN SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK – OCCURRENCE**

Increasing the occurrence of a specified promotional event established under the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture to advocate State agriculture and farm products to children through school meal and classroom programs; and requiring the promotional event to be held once in the fall and once in the spring.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

AG, § 10-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 285 **Senator Raskin****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INTER-
GENERATIONAL CENTER EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Easter Seals of Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Inter-Generational Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 286 **Senator Manno****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DIVISION OF
PAROLE AND PROBATION – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT
EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Providing for the membership of employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; authorizing specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit to transfer membership to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System on or before December 31, 2015; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer specified funds to the accumulation fund of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 26-201(a), 26-202, and 26-203.1 - amended and § 26-203.4 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 287 Senator Raskin, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY OUTREACH SITE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Silver Spring United Methodist Church for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Four Corners Community Outreach Site project, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 288 Senator Lee**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE AND ELDER ADULTS – PETITION TO FREEZE ASSETS**

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a petition to freeze assets of a defendant charged with a specified financial crime involving a vulnerable or elder adult under specified circumstances; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules and include specified information; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be mailed to specified lienholders and specified financial institutions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 289 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LAKE ROLAND EDUCATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$340,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lake Roland Education Center, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 290 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BUILDING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, repurposing, and capital equipping of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company Building, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 291 Senator Reilly**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CROWNSVILLE TREATMENT CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Gaudenzia Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping the Crownsville Treatment Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 292 Senator Ramirez, et al**REAL PROPERTY – LAND RECORDS – FRAUDULENT RECORDINGS**

Prohibiting a person from causing a specified instrument to be recorded in the land records of a county under specified circumstances; requiring a clerk of the circuit court to send a specified notice to the parties named in a deed or other instrument affecting real property no later than 30 days after recording the deed or other instrument; specifying the minimum contents of the notice; requiring the notice to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, §§ 3-112 and 3-113 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 293 **Senator Ramirez, et al****COURTS – JURY SERVICE – EXCUSAL**

Providing that a breast-feeding mother of an infant under the age of 2 years may be excused from jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 294 **Senator Ramirez****EDUCATION – YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high school in Prince George's County and 125 students in public high school in one other county; authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7-415.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 295 **Senator Ramirez****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – EDUCATION – YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high schools in Prince George's County; authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; and requiring the State Department of Education to report annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7-415.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 296 Senator Montgomery, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – THIRSTY KIDS ACT**

Requiring each public school to make available free, unlimited, potable drinking water for each student throughout the school day, include a reusable water bottle on the school supplies list for each student in kindergarten through grade 12, and provide specified cups for drinking water in specified locations; and requiring the State Department of Education to encourage each county board to develop a plan to promote the consumption of drinking water, the use of reusable water bottles, and weekly cleaning of water bottles.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 297 Senator Kelley, et al**TASK FORCE ON FAMILY CAREGIVING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORTS**

Establishing the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports; providing for the composition, staff, and duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations for legislative and administrative action relating to family caregiving; requiring the Task Force to report specified findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 298 Senator Norman**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATES – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer that accepts delivery of the vehicle before all the agreements of the parties become final.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 13-602 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 299 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE WINE CONTAINER PERMITS**

Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container under specified circumstances; and providing that the Board may issue a refillable container permit for draft beer or wine or both to license holders that are otherwise authorized to sell draft beer or wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8-103 and 8-213.3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 300 Senators Feldman and Conway**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF CLASS A LICENSES**

Increasing, subject to specified conditions, to two the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the State to any individual for a specified use; and clarifying that, with a specified exception, no more than one license may be issued in any single county or Baltimore City to an individual or to an establishment that derives less than 85% of revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 9-102(a)(1) and 9-107 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 301 Senator Feldman**JUDGMENTS – APPEALS – SUPERSEDEAS BOND**

Limiting the amount of a supersedeas bond required to stay the enforcement of a judgment in a civil action; authorizing a court to reduce further the amount of a supersedeas bond; providing a procedure by which an appellee may seek discovery for the limited purpose of determining whether an appellant has dissipated or diverted assets under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to impose specified remedies and sanctions if an appellant is found to have dissipated or diverted assets; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 12-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 302 Senator Feldman**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES HOME**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Potomac Community Resources, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Potomac Community Resources Home, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 303 Senator Lee, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN OR FENTANYL RESULTING IN DEATH**

Prohibiting a person from distributing heroin or fentanyl, the use of which is a contributing cause of the death of another; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 30 years in prison; providing that it is not a defense that the defendant did not directly distribute the heroin or fentanyl to the decedent; establishing a specified immunity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 5-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 304 Senator Jennings**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES**

Authorizing the owner of a Class L (historic) vehicle to apply to the Motor Vehicle Administration for a special, historic motor vehicle registration plate of the size and design determined by the Administration; requiring the Administration to issue a specified special registration plate for a historic vehicle at the option of the owner under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 13-616(b)(3), 13-617(a), 13-618(b), 13-619(a), 13-619.1(a)(1), 13-619.2(b), and 13-936(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 305 **Senator Eckardt, et al****CRIMES – THEFT OF SCRAP METAL**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully taking the scrap metal of another without authorization; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring a specified person to pay the value of specified repairs or replacements; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 7-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 306 **Senator Raskin****CRIMINAL LAW – RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT – REPEAL OF SPECIFIC CHARGING REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that a defendant must be charged specifically with reckless endangerment to be found guilty of reckless endangerment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-206 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 307 **Senator Raskin****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BLAIR REGIONAL PARK SCOREBOARDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Blair Athletic Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Blair Regional Park, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 308 Senator Raskin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – KITCHEN AND COUNSELING CENTER PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Don Bosco Cristo Rey Work–Study of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction and capital equipping of the Kitchen and Counseling Center facility, located in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 309 Senator Raskin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EARLY LITERACY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$110,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library, Silver Spring Maryland Chapter, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Early Literacy Center project, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 310 Senator Rosapepe, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2016, specified eligible students shall receive the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish specified criteria and requirements on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 311 Senator Rosapepe**ELECTION LAW – CASTING OF BALLOT BY MAIL – PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections and local boards of elections to emphasize in public communications specified information about casting a ballot by mail; and specifying public communications that are subject to the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 9-311.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 312 Senators Rosapepe and Madaleno**MARYLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TRUST**

Establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program for eligible private sector employees; establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust; establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Board to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Trust; requiring eligible employers to offer the Program and requiring eligible employees to participate in the Program unless written notice to opt out is provided to the employer; authorizing the Comptroller to enforce employer compliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, §§ 12-101 through 12-601 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 313 Senator Ramirez**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS AT SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS**

Authorizing a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County that obtains a special entertainment permit to allow an individual at least 18 years old to be present on the licensed premises under specified circumstances; and altering the age for admission to specified special entertainment events under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6-201(r)(2) and (19)(viii) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 314 Senator Ramirez, et al**SPECIAL EDUCATION – TRANSLATIONS OF INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS – NATIVE LANGUAGE**

Authorizing the parents of a child with a disability to request the translation into their native language of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan; and requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents with a translation of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan within 30 days after the date of the request.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 315 Senator Ramirez, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 2-YEAR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Specifying that a court may issue a protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 4-506(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 316 Senators Ramirez and Montgomery**VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION HANGING FROM REARVIEW MIRROR – ENFORCEMENT**

Providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under specified circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror that interferes with the clear view of the driver through the windshield.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 317 Senator Ramirez, et al**LAWYERS – FEES – PAYMENT BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD**

Requiring the Court of Appeals to allow an applicant for admission to the Bar or a lawyer to use a credit or debit card to pay an examination fee or other fees required for admission to the Bar and any annual fee assessed against a lawyer; and authorizing the Court of Appeals to charge a processing fee for each credit or debit card payment not exceeding the actual cost incurred in processing the credit or debit card payment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 10-503 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 318 Senator Pugh, et al**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – TELEMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene under a specified provision of law allow psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide and receive reimbursement from State and federal funds for telemental health services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HG, § 10-901(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 319 Senator Muse, et al**AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES – VIOLATION OF MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT**

Authorizing a court to award to a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in specified actions seeking to remedy a violation of a Maryland constitutional right; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to a prevailing defendant under specified circumstances; establishing that the limit on the liability of the State under the Maryland Tort Claims Act does not include a specified award of attorney's fees and expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2101 and 3-2102 - added and SG, §§ 12-104(a)(2) and 12-109 -amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 320 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – UTERINE FIBROIDS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified experts, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study of issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State; requiring the study to examine specified items; and requiring, on or before June 30, 2016, the Commission to report specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 321 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLICE MENTAL HEALTH UNITS – PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring, on or before June 1, 2016, the Baltimore City and Baltimore County police departments to establish mental health units; requiring a mental health unit to consist of at least six officers who are specially trained to understand the needs of mentally ill individuals; requiring the training to be developed in consultation with the Behavioral Health Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; establishing the purpose and goals of a mental health unit; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-510 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 4, 2015

SB 229 Calvert County Senators

**CALVERT COUNTY – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO AND
RELATED PRODUCTS – CIVIL PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person who owns and operates a specified business in Calvert County that engages in the retail sale of tobacco products from storing or displaying a tobacco product in a specified manner; prohibiting a person in Calvert County from distributing a tobacco product to a minor except under specified circumstances, distributing cigarette rolling papers to a minor, or distributing to a minor a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, §§ 1-1202 and 1-1203 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance